

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Withdrawn)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Amended) A point storing member comprising:

point storing means for storing points corresponding to moneys, and having data holding portions equal in number to said points for holding write data;

read means for reading out the points stored in said point storing means in accordance with an externally applied read instruction;

a first cryptogram storing portion storing a first cryptogram, set by a first person concerned with manufacturing of said point storing member;

a second cryptogram storing portion storing a second cryptogram set by a second person different from said first person and concerned with use of said point storing member;

point changing means for allowing change of each of said data holding portions in said point storing means between a first state and a second state in accordance with an externally applied point changing instruction;

cryptogram collating means for collating said first and second cryptograms for generating a third cryptogram; and

determining means for determining whether said changing means should be allowed to change the points or not, based on said third cryptograms.

4. (Canceled)
5. (Withdrawn)
6. (Cancelled)

7. (Withdrawn)

8. (Withdrawn)

9. (Previously Amended) A point storing member comprising:

storing means for storing points;

a first secret data area for storing a first cryptogram setable by a first person concerned with manufacturing of said point storing member, said first cryptogram characterizing secret data of said first person;

a second secret data area for storing a second cryptogram setable by a second person different from said first person and concerned with use of said point storing member, said second cryptogram characterizing secret data of said second person;

changing means for changing the points stored in said storing means;

input means for receiving data to be verified; and

cryptogram collating means for collating said first and second cryptogram for generating a third cryptogram, said cryptogram collating means including:

comparing means for comparing said data to be verified and received via said input means with said third cryptogram, wherein

it is determined whether said changing means should increase said points or not, based on a result of the comparison by said comparing means.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Added) The point storing member according to claim 3, wherein said cryptogram collating means converts said first cryptogram set and adds said converted cryptogram set to said second cryptogram set.

12. (New) The point storing member according to claim 9, wherein said

B2 cryptogram collating means converts said first cryptogram set and adds said converted cryptogram set to said second cryptogram set.

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